

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the first meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of November was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, November 10, 2014, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, Greg Husmann, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. There were no changes requested.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the Mayor read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2014
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH NOVEMBER 6, 2014

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Poellinger asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.0 – ELECTION RESULTS – CANVASSING BOARD

City Administrator Waller presented information on the results of the City General Election, which took place in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Following review and discussion on this information, Member Husmann introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-25

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE 2014 CITY ELECTION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crescent, Houston and Winona Counties, Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the Judges duly appointed, qualified and acting for the conduct of the City Election for the City of La Crescent for the year 2014 in Precinct No. 1, Precinct No. 2, Precinct No. 3 and Precinct No. 4 in said City, which elections were held in and for said City on November 4, 2014, having duly made and filed with the City Clerk the necessary certificates, registration forms and returns for each and both of said precincts for said City Elections, all of which are now on file with the City Clerk.

2. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the City Election held in and for said City of La Crescent on the 4th day of November, 2014, were in all respects duly and legally called and held and that the official returns thereof have been duly canvassed by this City Council pursuant to and as provided for by law.

3. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the ballots cast in Precinct No. 1, Precinct No. 2, Precinct No. 3 and Precinct No. 4 in said City and said City Election, City of La Crescent, November 4, 2014, for the following offices were as follows:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>	<u>Precinct 4</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Mike Poellinger	776	554	235	5	1570

Write-In	35	25	16	0	76
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<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>	<u>Precinct 4</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Mani Edpuganti	455	351	160	2	968

Bernie Buehler	551	321	177	0	1049
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Ryan Hutchinson	553	383	148	4	1088
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Write-In	6	10	1	0	17
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Special Election

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>	<u>Precinct 4</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
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Dave Hanifl	369	287	119	1	776
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Brian Krenz	483	311	136	3	933
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Write-In	6	4	3	0	13
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4. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the results of the City Election, held in and for said City on November 4, 2014, are in accordance with the tallied aforestated and that the results of said elections as certified by the said Judges are in all things, correct; that Mike Poellinger was duly elected as Mayor of the City of La Crescent for a term of two (2) years; that Ryan Hutchinson and Bernie Buehler were duly elected for City Council members for a term of four (4) years; and that Brian Krenz was duly elected for City Council member for a term of two (2) years.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2014.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Buehler and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.1 – APPOINT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

It was recommended to City Council to appoint Brian Krenz to fill the vacancy created by John Graf's resignation from the City Council to fill the term until the end of 2014. Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPOINT BRIAN KRENZ AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UNTIL THE END OF 2014 TO FILL THE TERM THAT WAS LEFT VACANT DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN GRAF.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.2 – SWEAR IN CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Poellinger conducted the official swearing in of Brian Krenz as a City Council Member for the City of La Crescent. No action taken.

ITEM 3.3 – SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Member Williams. City Council reviewed correspondence between the School District's architect to the City's Engineer regarding the proposed site plan for Abnet Field. The site plans have been revised, in part, due to input from the City's Engineer. The School District and the City are to meet with Applefest with Mayor Poellinger participating in this meeting. It was the consensus of Council to proceed. No action taken.

ITEM 3.4 – HIRING RECOMMENDATION – BUILDING OFFICIAL

It was recommended to City Council to approve the hiring of Shawn Wetterlin as the Building Official to fill the vacancy created by Paul Kenaga's retirement. In recommending this hiring, the Council made the following findings:

1. Mr. Wetterlin is a certified building official;
2. Mr. Wetterlin is currently the Fire Marshal for the La Crescent Fire Department;
3. Mr. Wetterlin has served in a staff capacity to the La Crescent Planning Commission; and
4. This is the in the best interest of the residents.

Pursuant to the provisions of the union contract, Mr. Wetterlin would serve a six month probationary period and it was recommended he start at Step 4 in the salary schedule and that he receive the monthly cell phone allowance in accordance with City Policy. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF SHAWN WETTERLIN AS THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS WITH A SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND STARTING AT A STEP 4 IN THE SALARY SCHEDULE AND THAT HE RECEIVE THE MONTHLY CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY POLICY.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

Mayor Mike Poellinger abstained from voting. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 3.5 – STOP SIGN RESOLUTION

City Council reviewed the Resolution to formalize the installation of a stop sign at N. 4th Street and Crescent Hills Drive that was approved at the last meeting. Following discussion, Member Williams introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH 4TH STREET AND CRESCENT HILLS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent received a request for a Stop Sign at the intersection of North 4th Street and Crescent Hills Drive;

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent's City Code § 70.23 authorizes the City Council by Resolution to designate any intersection as a stop intersection in order to prevent accidents and shall cause appropriate signs to be erected; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crescent finds it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to install a Stop Sign at the intersection described above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the La Crescent City Council:

1. That the City of La Crescent hereby authorizes the installation of a Stop Sign at the intersection of North 4th Street and Crescent Hills Drive in the City of La Crescent.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2014.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Krenz upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.6 – LITIGATION UPDATE

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council the pending litigation with Short Elliott Hendrickson f/k/a Yaggy Colby Associates regarding the radium plant. Mediation is scheduled for December 9, 2014 and if the matter is resolved during mediation, a settlement agreement will be brought to Council for review at a subsequent Council Meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 3.7 – ATV/GOLF CART REQUEST

City Council reviewed correspondence from Robert Langen regarding rescheduling the agenda item due to Mr. Langen's unavailability. No action taken.

ITEM 3.8 – BOND CALL RESOLUTION

City Administrator Waller reviewed with City Council the bond schedule for the Community Ice Arena project and a draft of a resolution to call the bonds, and pay off the balance of the outstanding debt. The item was presented for review and discussion with the recommendation that this item be considered at the November 24, 2014 City Council Meeting. It is being proposed that the \$285,000.00 balance of the payoff be split equally between the City and Lancer Youth Hockey. The City's portion of the payment would come from the fund balance in the license bureau. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO ADD THE BOND CALL RESOLUTION ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 24, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.9 – FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT

City Council reviewed a correspondence from Robert (Bob) Schuldt regarding his retirement from the La Crescent Fire Department effective January 1, 2015. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF ROBERT (BOB) SCHULDT FROM THE LA CRESCENT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Travis Minegar gave an update from the Chamber of Commerce of the upcoming Chamber events for December, including the Holiday Train and parade.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:52 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator